

Dale McWilliams, 73

A. Dale McWilliams, 73, of Deep River died May 10, 1999 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral was May 12 at the Christian Church in Deep River with the Rev. R. Carrol Johnson officiating.

Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" with Evelyn Icenbice accompanying on the piano.

Casket bearers were Bob McWilliams, Lynn Carl, Lowell (Bing) Wolf, Kenny Keller, Joe Keller and Don Berry.

Honorary casket bearers were Leland Winegarden, Don Schuldt, Duane Phelps, Farrell Johnson, John Bates and Dick Bowers. Interment was in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

Mr. McWilliams was born June 9, 1925 on a farm near Deep River, the son of Robert R. and Iva D. (Chency) McWilliams. He graduated from Deep River High School in 1942 and entered the U.S. Army in 1943. He served in the 542nd parachute infantry until his honorable discharge in October 1945.

On Oct. 1, 1945, he married Virginia Garrell of Hamlet, N.C. in Bennettsville, S.C. The couple had three children. They were in farming in the Deep River area all of their married lives.

A Mason. Mr. McWilliams was

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initiated into the Golden Rod Lodge of Deep River in 1949, where he held many offices and was a past master. He was currently a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 52 A.F. & A.M. of Montezuma. He received his 50-year membership on April 6, 1999. He was a member of York Rite, KAABA Temple K.A.A.O.N.M.S. of Davenport and a member of Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 of Montezuma.

He served on the Montezuma School Board from 1957 until 1978. He was an active member of the Deep River Christian Church.

Mr. McWilliams was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Doris Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; two daughters and their spouses, Carolyn and John Orr of Aurora, Ill. and Teresa and Ron Zilli of Lexington, Ky.; one son and his wife, John and Shari McWilliams of Montezuma; four grandchildren, Julie Feldman, Shannon Gilbride, Courtney Orr and Trent Orr; five great-grandchildren, Abigail, Mac and Teresa Feldman and Cassidy and Kayla Gilbride; one brother, Dean of Montezuma; other relatives and many friends.

Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.